Pedestrian bridges aiong NH-5

3583. SHRI V. HUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new criteria laid down to build pedestrian bridges at various points along the NH-5;

(b) the details of new criteria;

(c) whether it is a fact that the NHAI and Government have not shown any inclination to improve passenger and pedestrian facilities at important points;

(d) to what extent this opposition is to change due to intertia and lack of interest by the NHAI; and

(e) the steps proposed to review the entire matter and demands of public and Road Safety Organizations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) National Highways Authority of India follows criteria/guidelines issued by Indian Roads Congress/Ministry of Shipping, Road Transport & Highways for construction of highways including structures such as bridges, over-bridges, pedestrian bridges etc. Pedestrian bridges have been provided at a few locations on NH-5 to facilitate safe crossings for pedestrians.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) The demands for road safety requirements raised by various organizations are given due weightage while developing National Highways.

Safety of Inland Water Transport

3584. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to rejuvenate the Inland Water Transport (IWT) operations;

(b) if so, the details of navigable waterways including navigable by mechanically propelled vessels till date, State-wise and category-wise;